



# St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



## Welcome to Year 4!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We are extremely excited to welcome you to Year 4, we look forward to getting to know you all. Year 4 is packed full of interesting topics and engaging learning opportunities.

We are here to support you in being the 'the best that **you** can be'. This means focusing on your own personal achievements and always trying **your** best. We look forward to helping you reach your targets and your maximum potential. Throughout the year, we will support you to develop resilience, confidence and self-belief.

Remember—It is your time to shine!

Mrs Brookfield & Miss Rawlinson

### Year 4 Curriculum Themes

#### **Autumn Term**

The term will begin with our theme '**Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.**' This is a Science based topic which focuses on teeth and the digestive system. We will learn about the importance of keeping our bodies healthy through food and nutrition including creating our own healthy meal.

After half term, we will study the slave trade. During this topic, the children will explore the Atlantic Slave Trade Triangle including Liverpool's association and involvement with the slave trade. We will also learn about the Apartheid as we read our class novel 'Journey to Jo'burg'.

#### **Spring Term**

The Spring term is full of lots of exciting learning opportunities as the children explore The Arctic Circle. Our geography based 'Explorers' topic will enable the children to learn about the location, people and animals in the Arctic. In English, we look forward to exploring the life of Matthew Henson and learning about his ventures to 'The Frozen North'.

The second part of the Spring term will focus on 'Animal Kingdom' where we will learn about living things and their habitats. We will use our new knowledge to create information booklets and mini-beast hotels!



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### Summer Term

The Summer term theme is '**We are Scientists**'. The children will investigate states of matter through lots of exciting experiments and investigations. Our text for this half term is Egyptian Cinderella which will support our learning about Ancient Egypt in history. We will also create our own poems based on the comical poem 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '**We are Creative**'. Throughout our imaginative 'Griffin Gate' focused topic, the children will have lots of opportunities to be creative as they take on the role of an artist, designing and creating their own structure of the Griffin Gate Map.

### Year 4 PE

Class 9 and 10 will have PE sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We would like the children to come **in to school** in their full school PE kit on Mondays, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit. Please make sure your child has a water bottle.

During the Autumn term, the children will be going swimming at Park Pool. Please make sure your child brings their full swimming kit including a towel, swimming cap, swimming costume or shorts.



### Homework

The children will be given their English or Maths tasks on a Friday via class charts. Homework is handed in on a Wednesday.

#### Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday and will be linked to No Nonsense Spelling, which will also be listed on Spelling Shed. We will also focus on the Year 3/4 Statutory Spelling List. Spellings will be tested on a Wednesday.

Times tables will also be given out on Thursday and tested on the following Wednesday. The times tables will be personalised so that your child can access them at their own learning pace. It is important that children know their times tables and are able to relay facts quickly.

#### Reading

The children will choose their own reading book and will be expected to read at least three times a week.



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### Equipment for Year 4

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed.

Please send in water bottles every day.



### Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. There will be daily posts on our Twitter feed (@Class9RB and @Class10JR1), as we love to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers and emails for important reminders will continue to be sent home.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

With many thanks,

The Year 4 Staff

Mrs Brookfield, Miss Rawlinson & Mrs Tobin

